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RE: Amendment to March Monthly Report for Activity from February 1 through February 28, 2005 filed January 22, 2006
for Committee #C00295695 Libertarian National Committee

The following is a statement of a Libertarian National Committee employee documenting the difficulties encountered while filing the March 20, 2005 report.

Here is the statement of what happened from 03/16/05 through 03/18/05 as reported to Will, the FEC Reports Analyst, on 03/21/05:

On 03/18/05 I had spent most of the day on the phone with Eliza and Sebene in tech support at NLC which supports the FEC File program. In order to do this she had me email all of the files we created to upload data into FECFILE along with a copy of our DCI.DCF file created by our FECFILE program so she could do the same steps as I at the same time and walk me through the program.

Our file appears to be corrupted on their system and we have gone through several steps to try to manually fix the file.

The first error problem that occurred was that more than 57 last and first names on the 11(a) report were missing. They are not sure why they were missing since after sending my .csv file (the FECFILE upload files that contain all receipts and disbursements) to them -- both of us could see all the spaces were filled. However, when you looked at the receipts report via the FECFILE system there were several blank names and multiple duplication of names.

They noticed that there was also duplication of names on the individuals -organizations list as well. In addition, there were numerous blank names. Sebene had attempted to have someone read the code to see why this happened and how this occurred -- however, all they could determine was perhaps something was wrong with our FECFILE program and suggested we now uninstall it and reinstall it again.

We tried several steps with the data including deleting the blank names -- which cleared 7 of the 57 initial errors. We then tried merging duplicate names -- which did not do any good since most of the duplication appeared to re-appear AGAIN even after closing and saving the report once the initial deletions were made. Sebene could not explain why names that were deleted -- would then reappear AFTER we had saved the file.

Per tech support's instructions, we also tried deleting the entire report for 03/20 but all that did was to add more duplication once we redid it since the original info remained on their files at their end.

We then looked again at the Individual/Organization list and started to change the type of all the ones with no names or no names and no address and individual donors with no names and no address. That actually reduced the errors to a total of 26. The validation report now said that we needed to specify an address. If we changed the entity type to something else -- then we got another type of error. So we did not finish the processes of cleaning these entries without names.

Again, she tried loading our file on her end into an updated version of FECFILE and that did nothing -- same errors.

It was mentioned that it would have been possible to manually delete either all the entries under receipts and then to reload the .csv file again, or delete all the duplicate and triplicate entries. This approach, as mentioned above, did not really do much to reduce the errors. In fact, we began to get a different type of error on the validation report.

The other main problem appears to be the fact that we could not delete even blank names with no address from the Individual/Org file. Although we could manually merge each one together with the next on the list two by two, it proved to be a long process involving multiple hours of work.

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Finally, the .csv disbursements file did not properly load and Sebene could not explain why. She has copies of all our .csv files and said they looked fine. The .csv log produced some warnings but no errors and she got the same result.

Sebene had me re-send her all my .csv files along with the latest DCI.DCF file (since I ended up with fewer errors than she did). She was able to work a little more with them and talk me through what needed to be done to get an error free validation and send them to the FEC since no one was available at the FEC to give us an extension to Monday to further fix the problems.

She said it would be up to the FEC if we could even amend what went through. She said everything we did over the last two days and all the problems we had were been noted on their log in our Committee.

She appeared to think it was pure luck that the file went through at all and that we were able to get rid of the validation errors, and that we should not try to repair this particular file any longer. Perhaps we would have better luck next month with a fresh start.

So in short -- what you have, due to duplication and triplication of donor's names, is highly overstated for receipts while showing zero for disbursements. On the other hand the manually entered debits and obligations are right on the money. We had submitted the .csv upload files to Tech Support who verified that the files were formatted correctly and should have uploaded without errors.

Will, our FEC analyst, returned later that week about 03/25/06 and was going to forward our info to their head tech guy who was on vacation until late March or early April. At some point later he told me that the file could not be erased and that the actions suggested by the tech support at the FEC caused the duplication and triplication problems. It was his suggestion to seek outside help to fix our FEC File program and data which we then did.

{End of Employee Statement}

In summary, as has been documented in Memo Entries to the original report, amendments, in Miscellaneous Electronic Submission Form (Form 99) filed on 1/22/06, in numerous telephone calls, support requests, and discussions with the Federal Election Commission, the Committee has had difficulty uploading and recording data into its FECFILE data file. The same data file has been in use by the Committee since January 1, 2003, and has become large, difficult to use, and prone to corruption. In the above mentioned report, this problem resulted in the contributions being recorded in triplicate and the disbursements not being recorded. It also resulted in a memo entry causing a text error which rendered the file unusable until the error was corrected from within the data file. The process of correcting this data has resulted in a decrease on Line 11(d) by \$197,373.00 and an increase of Line 32 of \$124,464.88 and a decrease of Line 8 of \$317,837.88.